





### Week Ending: Friday 28th April 2023



#### Dear parents,

There has been such a buzz of excitement around school this week and I am sure you will have felt it too! Virtual Reality has become an extremely exciting reality for all of us at Green Meadow and everyone has been talking about it! The huge smiles on the children's faces have been wonderful to see and they have not been able to contain themselves after visiting Mission Control and our newly equipped, state of the art VR room. But don't just take my word for it...take a look at what the children have told us.

The VR room is amazing. I thought I was in a dream. I really thought
I was in a different place completely and I loved that you could be in a
distant place and see everything there without having to travel anywhere. Wow!

I think the VR room is an incredible resource which will enhance our learning in the curriculum because instead of just imagining things you are learning about, you can actually see them and experience them. I've used VR before but it wasn't as good as what we have just done in school.

I liked getting used to how to control where I went and being able to interact with different things. It was like you were really there.

The room is fantastic. It's like travelling to the future. I love all of the lights and that you can change them.

I feel proud that we have the only VR room in the country. It makes me feel really lucky to be in a school with the best resources.

It was strange getting used to the controls and the headsets but once

I don't think any of us will forget this week and what a great example of our four Excelsior MAT cornerstones in action.

SUCCEEDING TOGETHER - Alone you're good. Together we're amazing.
ENSURING EQUALITY FOR ALL - Equality - First, foremost, forever.
ENGAGING LEARNING - Unlocking minds every day.
ASPIRING FROM THE START - Where ambition begins on day one.

I hope you all have a great, extended weekend - fingers crossed the sun will make an appearance for the Bank Holiday on Monday!

Best wishes Miss Arrowsmith

## Diary Dates May 2023

#### Monday 1st

Bank Holiday - School Closed

#### **Tuesday 2nd**

SCHOOL PARTIALLY
CLOSED FOR RECEPTION,
YEARS 2 & YEAR 4 ONLY.

YEARS 1, 3, 5 & 6 ARE IN SCHOOL AS NORMAL.

Years 5, 4 & 2 PE Kit Needed

### **Wednesday 3rd**

Parent SENCO Drop-in Session @ 2.15pm

Year 5 Outdoor Learning Kit Needed

Year 1 PE Kit Needed

**Thursday 4th** 

Years 6 & 3 PE Kit Needed

Friday 5th
King's Coronation Picnic
Lunch
Yearn 6 PE Kit Needed



Please note the changes to PE days this week for Years 5 & 6.

# Attendance and absence from school

Just a reminder to call us at school on 0121 475 4505 every day that your child is absent. At Green Meadow we take our safeguarding responsibilities very seriously and it is important that we know where children are if they are absent from school and the reason for their absence. If you do not contact us on each day of your child's absence, we will call you after the registers close. If we cannot reach you, we will send you an email and text via Arbor, asking you to contact us. If we do not hear from you with a reason for your child's absence, we will contact you twice more throughout the day and also send you a second message by email and text via Arbor asking you to contact us as a matter of urgency. In cases when we have not had contact with you by the end of the school day, further safeguarding procedures may be followed, including for example, a home visit or contact with Birmingham Children's Trust. Thank you for helping us to keep our children safe.





# GREEN MEADOW CELEBRATES THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

On Friday 5th May, we will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles III with all of the children in school. As part of our celebrations, we will be holding a non-uniform day and inviting everyone to wear red, and blue for the day and having a celebratory picnic lunch!







## **Strike Action**

Due to proposed strike action, school is partially closed on Tuesday, 2nd May to all year groups except Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6. Remote learning has been planned for all year groups who are not able to be in school that day. Please see the letter sent home earlier this week for details.





## School Council

Our superb school councillors are busy collecting pupil voice about the Green Meadow Offer. The Green Meadow Offer is our offer of exciting extracurricular activities, experiences and trips for every year group. We have been sharing our initial ideas with the whole school community- parents, pupils and staff. School Councillors are looking forward sharing information at the school council meeting next week. We will then finalise the Green Meadow Offer and share it with the whole school community!

# Eco-Committee



The Eco-Warriors have been as busy as ever ensuring our new paper recycling bags are being emptied, and it's great to see that our classrooms' recycling bins are needing to be emptied every day! Thanks to all children who are making sure their fruit waste goes into the compost bins and those who are making sure any paper waste is being recycled! We've got some great reminders up around school next to our light switches reminding everyone to turn off the lights when they're not needed; a big thank you to Bertie in Pluto for designing these!







Our OPAL lunchtimes have been fabulous this week and we have been able to use even more of the school site now that the better weather is with us. There have been lots of examples of SUCCEEDING TOGETHER and it has been wonderful to see children of all ages playing together and having fun. As we get more and more equipment for the children to explore, we have seen some really creative dens made this week with the crates and some great teamwork went into building them!

You might have noticed that the Mud Kitchen has had a bit of a makeover since Easter and this is proving to be incredibly popular. A big thank you to Mrs D'Auncy and her son and former pupil, Ashton, for doing this for us. It has really inspired the children to get imaginative with their mud recipes.

Before Easter, due to your incredible generosity, we were able to raise the funds to buy not one but two climbing domes and we are excited that these are nearly ready for the children to start using! They will be ready for climbing after our play assembly to go through the risk assessment with all of the children

The zimmer frames and walking sticks which were kindly donated by a local nursing home and collected by Mrs Mathieson continue to be a big hit and the children love using them in their role play.

We are still on the look out for any old suitcase donations as these are popular play items.

Thank you to all of you for your continued support.









ASK YOUR CHILD TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE STORY BEHIND THESE PICTURES AND HOW THEY LINK TO BRITISH VALUES.







## SENCO DROP-IN CLINIC

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WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY 2.15PM - 3.15PM

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A chance to drop in and have an informal chat with Miss Perry if you have any queries relating to your child's Special Education Needs or any concerns about development. No appointment necessary. Please report to the office upon arrival. The session will finish at 3.15pm ready for end of the day collection arrangements.





## HRH KING CHARLES III

CORONATION LUNCH CELEBRATION



Menu Cheese or Ham Sandwiches



Cheese or Sausage Roll

**Plain Crisps** 

**Juice Carton** 

Coronation Cup Cake or Shortbread Biscuit

IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE A CORONATION LUNCH BOX. PLEASE ORDER ONE VIA THIS LINK BEOFRE FRIDAY 28TH APRIL 2023:

## **Coronation Lunch Order**

SCHOOL MEALS ARE £2.35 PER DAY, PAYABLE VIA ARBOR, FOR YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6, UNLESS YOU ARE ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR RECEPTION. YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 ALL CHILDREN ARE ENTITLED TO UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS.



## WEEK COMMENCING 1ST MAY 2023



School meals are £2.35 per day, payable via Arbor, for years 3, 4, 5 & 6, unless you are entitled to free school meals.

Please note that for Reception, Year I and Year 2 ALL children are entitled to universal free school meals.